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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON REFUGEE AND MIGRATION
ASSISTANCE

1. FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN OF WITHDRAWALS AND COLLECTIONS
(PRE- PAYMENTS AND REPAYMENTS) UNDER ICEM REFUGEE LOAN
FUND DURING PERIOD 1964 - 1972:

YEAR	WITHDRAWALS	COLLECTIONS
	PRE- PAYMENTS AND REPAYMENTS	

1964/1966	618,298	539,233
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1967	267,220	567,329
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1968	679,500	737,963
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1969	1,102,300	595,279
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1970	808,913	876,669
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1971	487,687	922,147
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1972 (EXCLUDING	557,544	564,708
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ISRAEL)

1972 (ISRAEL 1,963,409 -----
MOVEMENTS)

TOTAL 6,484,871 4,803,328

NOTE: THE AMOUNT OF \$1,963,409 SHOWN FOR ISRAEL IS THE AMOUNT WITHDRAWN TO FINANCE MOVEMENTS TO THAT COUNTRY UNDER SPECIAL LOAN FUND ARRANGEMENTS. THE FIRST REPAYMENTS ARE EXPECTED BY 30 JUNE 1973.

2. THE PROCEDURE FOR LOAN ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY VOLAGS FROM ICEM REFUGEE LOAN FUND IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. AS SOON AS THE REFUGEE IS APPROVED FOR ENTRY TO AN IMMIGRATION COUNTRY, THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY OFFICE REQUESTS ICEM TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION, INDICATING THE CASE IS IN NEED OF LOAN FUND ASSISTANCE. ICEM THEN NOTIFIES THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY OF THE MOVEMENT ARRANGEMENTS MADE, AND THE TRANSPORTATION RATES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROMISSORY NOTE SIGNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL REFUGEE. THE PROMISSORY NOTE IS THEN SENT TO THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY OFFICE IN THE IMMIGRATION COUNTRY FOR COLLECTION PURPOSES.

B. THE PROMISSORY NOTE PROVIDES FOR INSTALMENT PAYMENTS WITHOUT INTEREST WHICH THE REFUGEE SHOULD COMMENCE TO MAKE NORMALLY THREE MONTHS AFTER ARRIVAL IN THE COUNTRY OF IMMIGRATION. A SMALL PREPAYMENT MAY BE COLLECTED OVERSEAS FROM THE REFUGEE IF HE IS ABLE TO MAKE SUCH A PAYMENT, AND THIS IS DEDUCTED FROM THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF HIS LOAN.

C. THE PERIOD OF LOAN REPAYMENT IS INITIALLY GOVERNED BY THE SIZE OF THE LOAN IN THE CASE OF FAMILY GROUPS AND NORMAL INSTALMENT PAYMENTS MAY BE SPREAD OVER A PERIOD OF 18 MONTHS TO THREE YEARS. THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY OFFICES FOLLOW UP WITH THE INDIVIDUAL THE PAYMENTS OF HIS INSTALMENTS. IF THE INDIVIDUAL ENCOUNTERS FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS HOSPITALIZATION, IT MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED TO WAIVE INSTALMENT PAYMENTS FOR A PERIOD. IF THESE DIFFICULTIES ARE OF AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS NATURE, THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY MAY DECIDE TO CANCEL THE PROMISSORY NOTE AFTER CONSULTING ICEM.

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D. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE COLLECTION MACHINERY OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THEY ARE ENTITLED TO RETAIN AS A COLLECTION FEE 25 PERCENT OF THE COLLECTIONS RECEIVED AGAINST THE ICEM TRANSPORTATION LOAN AND TO TRANSFER THE BALANCE TO ICEM.

D. AT THE END OF A FIVE- YEAR PERIOD FOR THE LOANS ISSUED IN ANY PARTICULAR YEAR, THERE IS A REVIEW BETWEEN ICEM AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OUTSTANDING LOANS AT THAT POINT SHOULD BE WRITTEN OFF. RIMESTAD

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